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Authentication for Password  
Based System

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 on this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.